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In common things the law of sacrifice takes the form of positive duty.—Froude.

HELPING THE ADMINISTRATION

"We have character, intelligence and stamina enough in this community, if it can be separated from private prejudice and selfishness, high and low, to judicially consider all our problems, to settle our differences at home, and to the outside world present a creditable and united front."

Governor Pinkham's message yesterday contains this statement. It applies not merely to politics, but to industry, to public service, to private enterprise, to social and religious activities, to race questions.

The governor at the opening of his administration makes a plea for unselfish cooperation. It is to be hoped that one of the first evidences of unselfishness will be given by the Democratic organizations from whose ranks the governor is quite naturally expected to choose his associates in public life. They will play the loyal part and the wise part if they afford him every opportunity to make his selections regardless of faction.

Petty political squabbling at the beginning of this administration will not help Hawaii toward presenting "to the outside world a creditable and united front."

STEADYING THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Many of Honolulu's merchants declare that their Christmas business has been much larger than they expected, not a few adding that it was larger than last year's holiday trade.

And this in spite of a reduction of sugar stock dividends that has financially crippled hundreds of people in Hawaii, whose previous incomes had been generous.

Two of the principal factors in steadying the situation, in somewhat lessening the general blow dealt at sugar, are the presence of a great number of military on Oahu and the steady increase in semi-permanent tourist traffic.

If a census could be taken of the Americans and Europeans who are coming to Hawaii to spend from three months to a year, the result would certainly be a surprise. These tourists have incomes independent of the rise and fall of sugar stocks or sugar prices.

They live here because they like the climate, the scenery, the serenity of life in these sub-tropical islands of the sea. When they leave, it is usually with the intention of coming again and again, and in this frame of mind they advertise the islands far and wide.

The army and navy have come to stay. There will be no lessening in numbers, and the representation of the navy is certain to be considerably increased with the development of the Pearl Harbor naval station and Uncle Sam's big industrial plant there.

The year 1914 does not loom so disastrous to business in the face of these facts.

In the face of the facts about tourists, the few arguments against spending money for promotion are disappearing altogether. Efforts to improve the streets, to increase the facilities for public entertainment of a clean and bright sort, to welcome the stranger within the gates and see that he has his money's worth,—these efforts should go hand in hand with the advertisement abroad of Hawaii.

THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

How large is your school playground? Henry S. Curtis, in a bulletin just issued by the United States bureau of education, declares that every city school building should have at least one full block of ground, whether the block is the usual city block of two or three acres, or one of ten acres, as in Salt Lake, Utah. The high school needs at least ten acres, he asserts. As for the country school, it ought never to have less than three acres of play-space, and could profitably make use of ten acres, provided the grass is kept mowed.

Mr. Curtis shows that our schools have, in general, had very inadequate yards. During the past ten years, however, with the development of the play-movement, there has come an increased demand for ground space around school buildings. The state boards of education in Pennsylvania and Virginia will not approve plans for new school buildings that do not provide for adequate playgrounds. In Little Rock, Ark., the standard of one full block to a school has been carried out with every one of the schools for white children. All but one or two of the schools in Pueblo, Colo., have a full block. In San Angelo, Tex., every school but one has two blocks.

at least, and two have ten acres of play-space. The first school built in Gary, Ind., had two acres of playground, the second had four, the third eleven, and a lot recently purchased contains twenty acres.

Whether in city or country, Mr. Curtis considers ample school playground a vital necessity. "City children need a good-sized school-yard because there is no other place to play. Country children need a large yard because at home there is no one to play with, except in the simplest games for little children." He points out that larger school grounds are demanded, not only for the sake of organized play, which has come to have a recognized value in education, but also for school gardening, open-air classes, physical training, and other activities that have made the school-yard "nearly as important as the classroom in the conduct of a modern school."

THE DAVISON MEMORIAL

Elsewhere today appears a call from a special committee of the Humane Society for suggestions as to what form the Rose Davison Memorial shall take. The original idea of an animal drinking-fountain has had to be abandoned for sanitary reasons and the necessity for guarding against animal diseases.

The scope of Miss Davison's work was so broad, her sympathy for the afflicted and distressed, in human or brute form, so far-reaching, her character so finely expressed through a wide range of interest, that there should be many suggestions for the memorial.

Johnny Williams, Honolulu boy, was the center of attraction for about five thousand baseball-mad folks at Athletic Park yesterday. They're all hoping he will be as much of a star in the American league next year as he has been in the Coast league. With the champion swimmer of the world, one of the best polo teams in the world, a great baseball pitcher, scores of crack football players, Honolulu and Hawaii may boast of other products besides sugar and climate.

Special Envoy Lind is going to hold another conference about it with President Wilson. Meanwhile our bandit friend, Senor Pancho Villa, continues chasing the Feds up and down the Rio Grande quite heedless of conferences.

James Bryce, former ambassador to the United States, has been created a viscount, a fitting recognition of his great abilities and achievements. He has been one of America's truest and clearest-sighted friends.

Governor Pinkham tells territorial department heads and deputies that any changes will be gradual. The luckless individual is likely to find the change quite swift enough for him.

Something new occasionally happens under the sun. A murderer who pleaded insanity has been declared sane by an alienist. We shall have new confidence in the profession.

Committee in charge of the Democratic dinner tonight announces that dress is optional. Wonderful winter climate, isn't it?

Plan to make soccer the nation-wide winter sport on the mainland seems to be a direct blow at chess, tangoing and politics.

Formosa is having a touch of government a la Mexico, with executions as the reward for enterprise that goes astray.

Of course a man can't choose his own grandfather, but a governor can select his official family.

"Mona Lisa Home Again." And next time she goes out it will be with a chaperone.

Mexico evidently doesn't believe in a safe and sane New Year's day.

January second is as good a starting-point as the day before.

Tales told out of school now deal particularly with slates.

Many are mentioned, but few will be appointed.

Old China has really adopted a new New Year's.

Never too late to mend broken resolutions.

Letters OR TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

MARRING THE CITY'S BEAUTY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir: There is one thing that mars the beauty of this city more than anything else, and that is the ill kept fences that are seen in so many places, and many of them partly broken down, or unpainted, and would be a disgrace to banyard not to mention a family residence. These fenced residences in comparison to those without them, is with few exceptions, as different as night is to day, or beauty from ugliness. If a law could be passed to do away with these unsightly affairs, Honolulu would at once spring to the front with a bound, as one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Another objectionable thing is the many ill kept yards (unsightly would be a more correct term), which are to be run upon in so many of the main streets of the city and some of them are on church and government property; and many of these places being owned by the rich. In this letter I shall not particularize, but if something is not done about it in the near future the names of these delinquents will be given.

Another thing which needs attention are the sidewalks, which to say the least, are in so many places in a wretched and disgraceful condition, and which would be a disgrace to a back-woods town. Indeed, I have seen many a little one-horse town, with no claims to beauty, surpass this place a hundred fold as far as sidewalks are concerned.

Very truly yours,
OBSERVER.

RUMOR HAS U. S. JOBS FOR WOODS AND D.E. METZGER

Politics boiled and sizzled over New Year's day, and numberless slates were suggested for territorial or federal offices in Hawaii.

One of the most interesting of the many rumors circulated by men who in some cases seemed to believe they had good grounds for the circulation dealt with the federal positions of collector of customs and collector of internal revenue. This rumor had it that neither Senator Delbert E. Metzger nor Palmer Woods would be secretary of the territory, but that they would be named for federal jobs, Metzger as collector of customs and Woods as collector of revenue.

In connection with this same report W. R. Farrington's name was persistently mentioned for the secretaryship.

When asked about the rumor connecting his name with the secretaryship, revised since the coming of Governor Pinkham, Mr. Farrington said:

"I can only repeat for the third and I hope the last time that I am not and I never have been an active or a receptive candidate for the office of secretary of the territory or any other paid public position. I did all in my very limited power to secure the appointment of Mr. Pinkham as governor. I shall do all in my limited power as a citizen to make the Wilson-Lane-Pinkham administration in this territory a success. I hope all other citizens and all officials will do the same. I have said this before. It is not my habit to say one thing publicly and lay political schemes on the quiet. I have always worked in the open. I think the rumor has been started to get a statement out of me but I have absolutely no change to make from what I have always said, and the outspoken and aggressive candidates need have no fear of any competition from me. I stand for political peace and the progress of this territory. We, every citizen of this territory, have a great and serious work before us. I think Governor Pinkham's inaugural is a splendid statement of the broad principles that are operating and which should control in the present situation. It is up to us all to get 'into the game' with loyalty and enthusiasm and with all the unselfishness we can summon, endeavor to work out the practical details in a manner that will bring about the best results for the United States of America, our own community, ourselves and those who come after us. We have had too much haggling over most everything. We must get together. Really get together, I mean. Not talk about it and the next moment go out and try to swat a neighbor over the head with a brick. Furthermore every citizen in this territory and every political organization has got to get down to the brass tacks of efficiency. I say got to because the course of events is forcing us ahead whether we like it or not."

"It is not an idle dream that we have more to do and less time in which to do it than any other people under the flag. It is an absolute truth which most every live man can see. If he can't see it, he will learn the truth of the saying that the man who fails to see, understand and meet the changing conditions around him, is as dead as he ever will be, though his body continues to walk the streets. I had that sentiment in mind when I resigned from the Republican county committee. I want to be associated with the live ones of this city and county if there are any and I know

COMMITTEE ON DECORATION TO MEET TONIGHT

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ner to Governor L. E. Pinkham this evening.

"Up until this time, owing to the holidays, business men like myself have not been able to give much time to carnival matters owing to the press of business but, as I explained to Director-general James D. Dougherty when I accepted the chairmanship of this committee, I did so with the idea of starting work immediately after the first of the year, and myself, as well as the other members of the committee, intend working for all there is in it and to make a go of it."

"I want to say that I think a wonderful start has been made already through the work which Mr. Dougherty is doing for the coming carnival. It seems to me that any business man who does not appreciate the work and who does not stand ready to back up Mr. Dougherty for all that is in him is a mighty poor resident of our city. The carnival will be the big event of 1914 and from now on I am ready to give my time to it as far as necessary."

Mr. Dougherty announced this morning that the committee on swimming will be completed this week and will hold its first meeting Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the rooms of the Merchants' Association.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—DR. E. S. GOODHUE: There is in Honolulu a nucleus of broad-minded men who are making a lasting impression upon the life of Hawaii.

—BERTRAM G. RIVENBURGH: I see by the papers that my name is mentioned as one of the precinct club members presented to Governor Pinkham yesterday. As a matter of fact, I wasn't there and wouldn't have been there under the auspices of the Democratic county committee. I have no fight with the governor but when I do call on him it will be as a private citizen and not hanging on to Barron and Steve Gumpfer.

It is expected that the board of supervisors will devote a greater part of its time at the next meeting to the proposed new speed and traffic ordinance. A draft of this measure has been prepared by P. L. Weaver, first deputy city and county attorney, and favorably acted on by the police committee. In view of its length and the great importance of it, the measure will be discussed at length by the board on committee of the whole before it is introduced.

there are lots of them; whether they assemble under the Republican, Democratic or Progressive banners the future will determine. So far as I am concerned I am not going to hang onto the dead past when it is dead, deader than Hector's pup, and there is splendid work to be done here and now by the willing and the loyal Americans of the territory of Hawaii."

The inhabitants of the John D. Rockefeller school district in California are sore because John D. didn't seem to appreciate the honor, even after being notified three times. A movement has been started to change the name to the Ida Tarbell school district.

For Rent

Kapiolani St., near Lunaliho St., completely furnished 3-bedroom bungalow	\$65.00
Pikoi St., 3 bedrooms, unfurnished	45.00
Kalakaua Ave., 4 bedrooms, unfurnished	50.00
Kalihi, opp. Kam. IV. Road, 3 bedrooms, unfurnished	45.00
Aloha Lane, 2 bedrooms, unfurnished	17.00
Auld Lane, 3 bedrooms, unfurnished	16.00
Auld Lane, 3 bedrooms, unfurnished	16.00
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